

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR VOLUME 62

Dear Colleagues,

As most of you probably know, the face of botany has been changing for many years. The former model of academic botany continues to transition into non-academic botany, with a large proportion of botanists now working for government agencies and environmental consulting firms. One of the ways we are trying to serve the membership is by understanding how botany is changing in the western U.S. and using that knowledge to modify how the Society uses its resources. We appreciate input from the membership to help guide us through these changes so that we can become as relevant and helpful to our membership as possible. The council members and I are eager to hear from you.

Madroño continues to be on time, with the average time between submission and publication being less than eight months. The Society continues to encourage submissions to the journal

as the best outlet for botany in Western North America. We're excited to publish a special issue about mosses in California, which consists of three localized bryofloras. Such studies continue to advance our understanding of the distribution,

As a result of rising costs, the Society will be raising its membership rates to the following: Students \$30, Emeriti \$35, Institutions \$85, Individual \$50, Family \$55, Life \$1000. Rates will be raised on January 1, 2016. However, you can renew your membership at the old rate if you renew by the end of the year. It has been a long time since the Society has raised its rates. The council was reluctant to make this change, but it is necessary to allow us to promote the mission of the Society.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mark Brunell, August 2015